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JCI Aruba member nominated for World Vice President on JCI International Board of Directors

During JCI's World Congress in Japan



ORANJESTAD - Recently, JCI International held its World Congress at Osaka, Japan, where representatives around the world participated to elect a new Board of Directors for the year 2011. This is the second time in JCI Aruba's history that a member achieves such a high position to represent Aruba Internationally.

Junior Chamber International - JCI - is a membership-based nonprofit organization of 200,000 young people ages 18 to 40 in 5,000 communities and more than 100 countries around the world. Each JCI Member shares the belief that in order to create lasting positive change, they must improve themselves and the world around us. They seek targeted solutions to the unique problems in our communities to build a better world, creating global impact.

JCI Aruba representative, Mr. Dave Martinus, who is also the JCI Dutch Caribbean National President, postulated himself for the position of World Vice President for JCI

International.

After complying with various tests and interviews with the different approval commissions Mr. Martinus classified for the final elections. During the assembly he gave a tremendous presentation on his goals for the JCI organization. He was chosen among 100 participating countries with an outstanding majority.

"My main goal is to help more people become active in our world community, and so bring forward positive changes that truly can help us solve problems that challenge humanity. It is not the job of the government or a group of persons to solve these problems. Each one of us has to contribute to make a real impact for a better community," Mr. Martinus said.

The Board of Director of JCI Aruba is very proud with this achievement and wishes Mr. Dave Martinus lots of success in his new challenge as board member of JCI International.



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Scanner-proof undies keep passenger's secrets

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Airline passengers worried about new security scanners filming their privates now have a way out: anti-radiation underwear.

The undies, sold by Colorado company Rocky Flats Gear, feature cute fig leaf patterns over the sensitive area, with the leaves made out of material promising to "block natural and man-made radia-

tion."

That would stop harmful rays of any kind, but more to the point, the technology "insures privacy of medical and body scanner images," company website www.rockyflatsgear.com says.

The Transportation Security Administration has come under growing pressure over new scanners that show the naked contours of passen-

gers. Passengers refusing to submit to the scan face a detailed manual search, likened by opponents to sexual groping.

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Bolivian president rejects US warning on Iran ties



Bolivian President Evo Morales

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia (AFP) - Bolivian President Evo Morales offered a testy retort yesterday to visiting US defense chief Robert Gates's warning about any nuclear dealings with Iran, saying Bolivia will ally with

whomever it wants.

"Nobody will stop me" from negotiating with any country, Morales said at the opening of a biannual conference of regional defense ministers attended by Gates.

"Bolivia, under my leadership, will have agreements and alliances with everyone," the leftist leader added. "We have the right, and we have a culture of dialogue."

Officials: Haiti cholera toll

hits 1,344

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haitian health officials said yesterday that at least 1,344 people have died from a worsening cholera epidemic that has ravaged the country since mid-October.

The toll, which registered cholera-related deaths and illnesses as of Friday, put the number of people who have been hospitalized with the disease at 23,377. Officials said the overall number of confirmed cases was nearly 57,000.

Hardest-hit has been the northern region of Artibonite, where some 13,000 people have fallen ill with the disease, of whom 701 have succumbed

Morales, who has signed several political and economic deals with Tehran and has tense relations with Washington, announced late last month that Bolivia has plans to build a nuclear plant with Iran's help, stressing the facility would be for peaceful purposes.

On Sunday upon his arrival in Bolivia, Gates cautioned against the motives of Tehran, which the international community suspects is seeking to develop nuclear weapons under cover of a civilian nuclear program, despite Iranian denials.

"I'm not sure the Iranians have an independent capability to help somebody build a civil nuclear capability. Their own capability has been under contract with the Russians" for 20 years, Gates said.

Morales has visited Iran twice in as many years, while Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad travelled to Bolivia in 2007 for the first visit by an Iranian president.

to it.

The epidemic hit here last month as Haiti struggles to recover from January's massive earthquake which killed a 250,000 people.

The capital city Port-au-Prince, seen as being particularly at risk of widespread infection because of the crowded and unsanitary conditions endured by tens of thousands of people sheltering in squalid, makeshift tent cities, has seen a total of 77 cholera deaths, officials said.

The highly infectious disease can lead to diarrhea and dehydration, and can kill within hours if untreated.

Cambodia stampede leaves more than 330 dead

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AFP) - A stampede in the Cambodian capital has left more than 330 people dead after panic erupted at a water festival that had attracted millions of revellers.

Dozens of ambulances with their sirens blaring raced to the scene of the tragedy, which occurred late yesterday on a narrow bridge to an island in Phnom Penh where festivities were being held to mark the end of the annual event.

At least 339 people died in the incident, Prime Minister Hun Sen said on television.

"With this miserable event, I would like to share my condolences with my compatriots and the family members of the victims," he said.

Hun Sen said the government would arrange for the bodies of out-of-town visitors to be sent home.

It was not immediately clear exactly what triggered the stampede.

"This needs to be investigated more," Hun Sen said, adding that a committee would be set up to examine the incident.

Sunglasses and flip-flops were left scattered on the ground among lifeless bodies.

Aung San Suu Kyi invited to pick up Europe rights prize

STRASBOURG, France (AFP) - The European Parliament yesterday invited Myanmar's democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi to come pick up a rights prize she was awarded by the assembly in 1990.

The parliament's president Jerzy Buzek opened a plenary session welcoming her recent release from house ar-

rest and noted she had been one of the first recipients two decades ago of its prestigious Sakharov Prize, also awarded to the likes of Nelson Mandela and Kofi Annan.

"Unfortunately she could not pick it up personally 20 years ago so I invite her to come to a parliament plenary," he said.

Dozens of people gathered outside the city's Calmette hospital, where at least 105 people were confirmed dead, according to a police officer.

More bodies were taken to other hospitals across the city, he said.

Many festivalgoers were left in tears after the tragic end to the three days of boat races, concerts and fireworks.

The annual festival, one of Cambodia's largest and most exuberant, marks the reversal of the flow between the Tonle Sap and Mekong rivers.

It is also seen as a way of giving thanks to the river for providing the country with fertile land and abundant fish.

The event -- which saw hundreds of brightly coloured boats take part in races on the Tonle Sap river -- is popular with tourists but there were no immediate reports that foreigners were among the victims.

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We present to you: Watty. Watty is one of the donkeys that is cared for at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. He is one funny donkey, an elderly gentleman by now, who has reached the respectable age of 49 years old. He is by far the oldest donkey at the sanctuary; a few weeks ago he even retired. That was necessary because he is not as quick as he used to be when feeding time comes around, and that started to cause some problems. To be sure that he gets enough to eat, he has now been put aside from the rest and he gets his own feed. He can eat at his leisure now. His health is fine; he just has a chronic infection of his ears. Expectations are that this donkey will grow to a ripe old age. Watty has a mind of his own: when he is asked to do something that he doesn't want to, he kicks out with his hind legs without any

problem whatsoever. The other donkeys as well as the volunteers know that this 'golden oldie' is really agile: he can kick with real force!

Watty has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way he can be recognized. The donkey has a lot of friends to play with and he likes living at the Aruban Sanctuary. The donkeys are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

The volunteers of the sanctuary are now looking for people who wish to adopt Watty. Watty will stay at the sanctuary, of course; the only thing that is needed is AWG. 30,- per month pays for his keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website.

Please call the sanctuary at 595-2933 and become Watty's new family; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website www.arubadonkey.org or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025.



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Keep around your house and yard clean

In celebration of World Day of Planting Trees Children happy to plant trees

On Sunday, a group of Dutch citizens - organizers of World Day of Planting Trees - together with the Aruba government held a tree planting event in Bushiri. The event took place in front of the Fantastic Garden, next to the Bushiri community houses.

His Excellency Governor Fredis Refunjol and Prime Minister Mike Eman together with Minister of Integration Infrastructure and Environment Benny Sevinger and invited guests (among them children and the youth) had the honor to plant a trees in the community.

In 1954, the United Nations proclaimed a resolution, recognizing the need of arousing mass consciousness of the aesthetic, physical and economic value of trees. With this it recommended a World Festival of Trees to be celebrated annually in each member country on a date suited to local conditions. This has been adopted by the Netherlands in 1957, when the National Committee Day of Planting Trees/Foundation of National Festival of Trees (Nationale Boomplantdag/Nationale Boomfeestdag) was created. On the third Wednesday in March each year (near the spring equinox), three quarters of Dutch schoolchildren aged 10/11 and Dutch celebrities plant trees. *Stichting Nationale Boomfeestdag* organizes all the activities in the Netherlands for this day. Some municipalities however plant the trees around 21 September because of the planting season. In 2007, the 50th anniversary was celebrated with special golden jubilee-activities.

The purpose of World Day of Planting Trees is to give children the functions and values of trees in their immediate environment to understand, through planting their own tree. The Foundation strives to ensure that each child during his or her primary school years gets the opportunity at least once to plant a tree.

Her Royal Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands requested the organizers to continue with this beautiful project, not only in the Netherlands but in the whole Dutch Kingdom.





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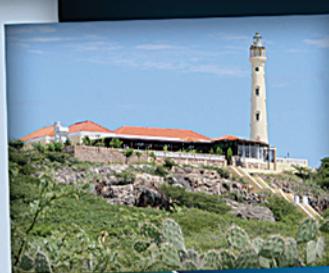
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Focus on Our Nature in our Neighborhood



One of the important ingredients in the process of renovating of our community and country is the care of our nature. With this in mind the government is promoting the planting of trees at our schools, to educate the children on the importance of flora in a human's life

Recently, official of the Ministry of General Affairs, which resort under Prime Minister Mike Eman, visited

a beautiful project in the neighborhood of Rood Koochi. It is the Parke Serenidad, which is a botanical garden belonging to Mrs. Desirée Paalman.

Parke Serenidad (Serenity Park) has different kind of trees and is situated in an area where nature exudes a lot of tranquility for the human being. It is a living proof of how important nature is to mankind and fauna. It is im-

portant to promote and support these kinds of initiatives for the wellbeing of our country.

This is why the government is giving all its support to the *Stichting Boomfeestdag* - National Committee Day of Planting Trees- officials who are at present on our island to promote the care of our nature. This beautiful initiative is very important for our community, most important our children.

Photos give an impression of the beauty of Parke Serenidad. With the cooperation of the community "Bo Bario Organization", and Cabinet Mike Eman and the Aruba can accomplish such kind of projects, give nature its importance and make our country greener.

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Mo: "I'm at God's art academy, that's why I'm always learning."

Inspiration for DOMESTIC HARMONY is: "The partition of so many promises that were made to keep relationships going with love and peace"

The opening of this exhibition is on Saturday, November the 27th at 8 p.m. and you are welcome. The artworks are on display till the 5th of January 2011, in the Westin Aruba Art Gallery, which is open and freely accessible every day of the week.

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Casino hostess Julissa Maduro reports both strolled

in for a bit of gaming on a rainy afternoon and were rewarded with fat jackpots.

Cool Casino is a popular spot, and for a good reason. The casino hosts a number of weekly events which at-

tract many locals and visitors.

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while offering live music with one of Aruba's most popular bands.

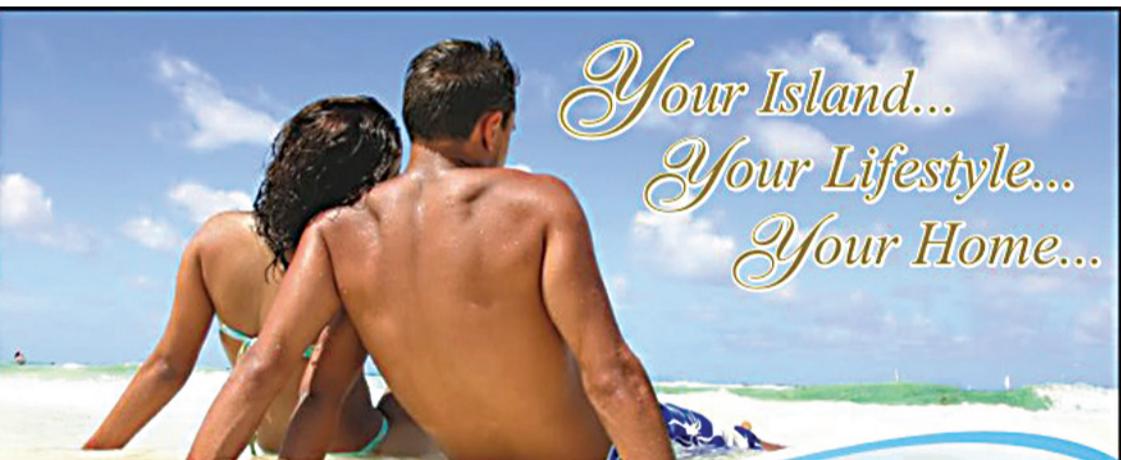
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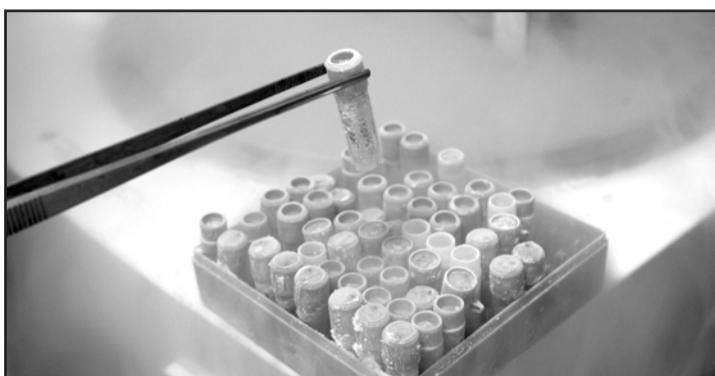
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US starts human blindness trial using stem cells



WASHINGTON (AFP) — Human embryonic stem cells will be tested as a treatment for blindness, a US company announced Monday in the second such clinical trial to examine how the controversial process works in people.

Just 12 adult patients will take part in the trial to see how the treatment using retinal cells derived from human embryonic stem cells affects patients with a common form of juvenile vision loss that can take hold in children as young as six.

The process has been tested on rats and mice and has been found to halt the progressive disease without causing tumors or other side effects, said chief scientific officer Bob Lanza at the biotech company Advanced Cell Technology.

"These cells have been really performing quite spectacularly in the animals. If we can see that in the human patients we will hit a home run here," said Lanza.

The trial, run and funded by the California-based company ACT, was allowed to go ahead after the US Food and Drug Administration cleared its application to start a phase I study.

Another company, Geron Corp, began a similar trial in October, the first of its kind to test human embryonic stem cells in patients with spinal cord injuries.

Scientists say the use of embryonic stem cells as a treatment for cancer and

other diseases holds great promise, but the process has drawn fire from religious conservatives and others who oppose it.

Embryonic stem cell research is controversial because human embryos are destroyed in order to obtain the cells capable of developing into almost every tissue of the body.

Using retinal cells derived from human embryonic stem cells, the latest treatment involves injecting the stem cells into the eyes of patients with Stargardt's Macular Dystrophy, a disease which affects around 25,000 people in the United States.

The 12 people in the initial study will have an advanced form of Stargardt's disease and do not expect to have their vision restored, since the test's main objective is to gauge safety.

If ACT's trial shows that the treatment is safe, the process would be eventually be tested on younger patients to see if it can prevent blindness.

The company has also applied for FDA permission to begin a wider trial on people with age-related macular degeneration, or vision loss, which affects as many as 30 million people in the United States and Europe.

Stargardt's disease causes blindness by destroying the pigmented layer of the retina, called the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE). After that follows degradation of pho-

toreceptors, which are cells in the retina that detect light.

Patients often experience blurry vision, difficulty seeing in low-light and eventually most lose their ability to see at all. The disease can be inherited by a child when two parents carry the gene mutation that causes it.

"This is a horrific disease that affects children starting at age six, so they are very young and they go blind as teenagers," said Lanza.

"The hope would be to treat patients earlier to prevent this from happening at all."

The treatment process being tested by ACT worked in animals by creating an abundance of new RPE cells, Lanza explained.

"Using stem cells, we can generate a virtually unlimited supply of healthy RPE cells, which are the first cells to die off in (Stargardt's) and other forms of macular degeneration," Lanza said.

The process showed 100 percent improvement in rats' visual performance and "near-normal function" was also achieved in mice, both without negative side effects, he said.

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Wikileaks promises release 7 times bigger than Iraq

Wikileaks has promised to release a load of information seven times bigger than the Iraq War Logs, which raised the Internet group's profile around the world and caused some nations to take notice of the issue of leaks of top-secret documents online.

In a note on Twitter, Wikileaks said, "Next release is 7x the size of the Iraq War Logs. Intense pressure over it for months," and asked supporters to continue donating to the cause.

Wikileaks made global headlines this year by releasing hundreds of thousands of classified U.S. war documents about actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, called the Iraq War Logs and Afghan

War Diary. Since then, the group has alleged harassment by government organizations from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to the Swedish police. Wikileaks' main servers are located in Sweden.

The District Court in Stockholm last Thursday decided to detain Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, "on probable cause suspected of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion."

Wiki leaks did not say what the new release of information would be about.

The group also sent out Twitter messages urging supporters to "Keep us strong," as it works to put out the new information.



A woman puts on special glasses as Japanese electronics venture Hibino and Victor Company Japan (JVC) unveil a 280-inch sized 3D LED display called the "Chroma LED 3D", measuring 6.1m x 3.5m in Tokyo yesterday. The large 3D display, using JVC technology for 2D to 3D conversion, was developed for digital signage and public viewing. (AFP PHOTO)

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Health & Living

Doubling frequency of dialysis may help kidney failure patients

Kidney failure patients who double the number of weekly dialysis treatments typically prescribed had significantly better heart function, overall health and general quality of life, new research indicates.

The finding stems from an analysis that compared the impact of the 40-year-old standard of care -- three dialysis treatments per week, for three to four hours per session -- with a six-day a week treatment regimen involving sessions of 2.5 to three hours per session.

Launched in 2006, the comparison involved 245 dialysis patients assigned to either a standard dialysis schedule or the high-frequency option. In addition to improved cardiovascular health and overall health, the analysis further revealed that two concerns faced by most kidney failure patients -- blood pressure and phosphate level control -- also fared better under the more frequent treatment program.

Dr. Glenn Chertow, chief

of the nephrology division at Stanford University School of Medicine, noted: "Kidneys work seven days a week, 24 hours a day. You could imagine why people might feel better if dialysis were to more closely mimic kidney function. But you have to factor in the burden of additional sessions, the travel and the cost."

To the latter point, the authors noted that dialysis is expensive.

Another drawback was the observation that doubling dialysis treatment also increased the number of procedures patients had to undergo to deal with the side effects prompted by more frequent insertion of tubes into the body.

"I'm certainly not going to recommend six times a week for all my patients," said Chertow, who is also a professor of medicine at Stanford. "One size does not fit all. For some patients with kidney failure, no dialysis is the right treatment. For others, it's three times a week in-

center. For others, it's home-based dialysis. For others, perhaps six times a week."

"A normal kidney works 168 hours a week filtering our blood and removing fluid," he explained. "But with dialysis we try to do the same work intermittently just three times a week, for three to four hours each time. And that's clearly a major problem for dialysis patients, because it's a very harsh form of fluid removal that can stretch and strain the heart and leave patients feeling unwell," Dr. Matthew Weir, director of the division of nephrology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore noted.

"So I would say that an increased use of dialysis is a more facile approach to controlling blood volume, because it removes fluid in a more sustained and more natural way, which the heart prefers. So ultimately, you have less strain on the heart, less heart failure and patients living longer," Weir said.

Illness, medical bills 'plunge millions into poverty'

BERLIN (AFP) -- More than 100 million people are plunged into poverty every year by illness or "catastrophic" medical bills, the World Health Organisation said Monday, launching a global drive for universal health care.

"In my view, universal coverage is an admirable goal and a timely one. We have to bite the bullet," said WHO Director General Margaret Chan, presenting the report in Berlin.

"This year's WHO report is designed to encourage every country in the world to adopt policies that will extend policies to more people

and reduce the number of people who risk financial ruin," added Chan.

The agency's annual report, devoted this year to financing health systems, underlined that the need for universal health coverage "has never been greater" with the economic slowdown, globalisation of disease and ageing populations that need more care for chronic conditions.

"If health systems do not find the right answers now, the bill further down the line is going to keep getting higher and bigger," Chan warned.

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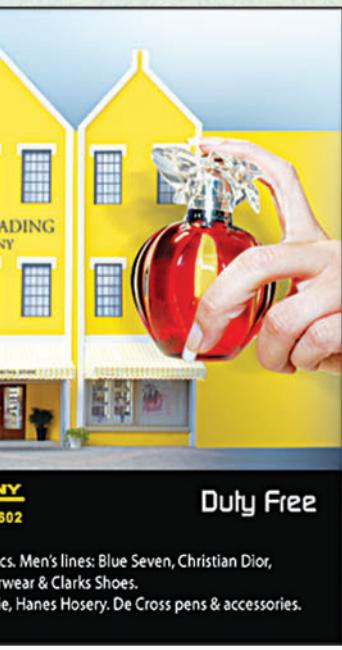
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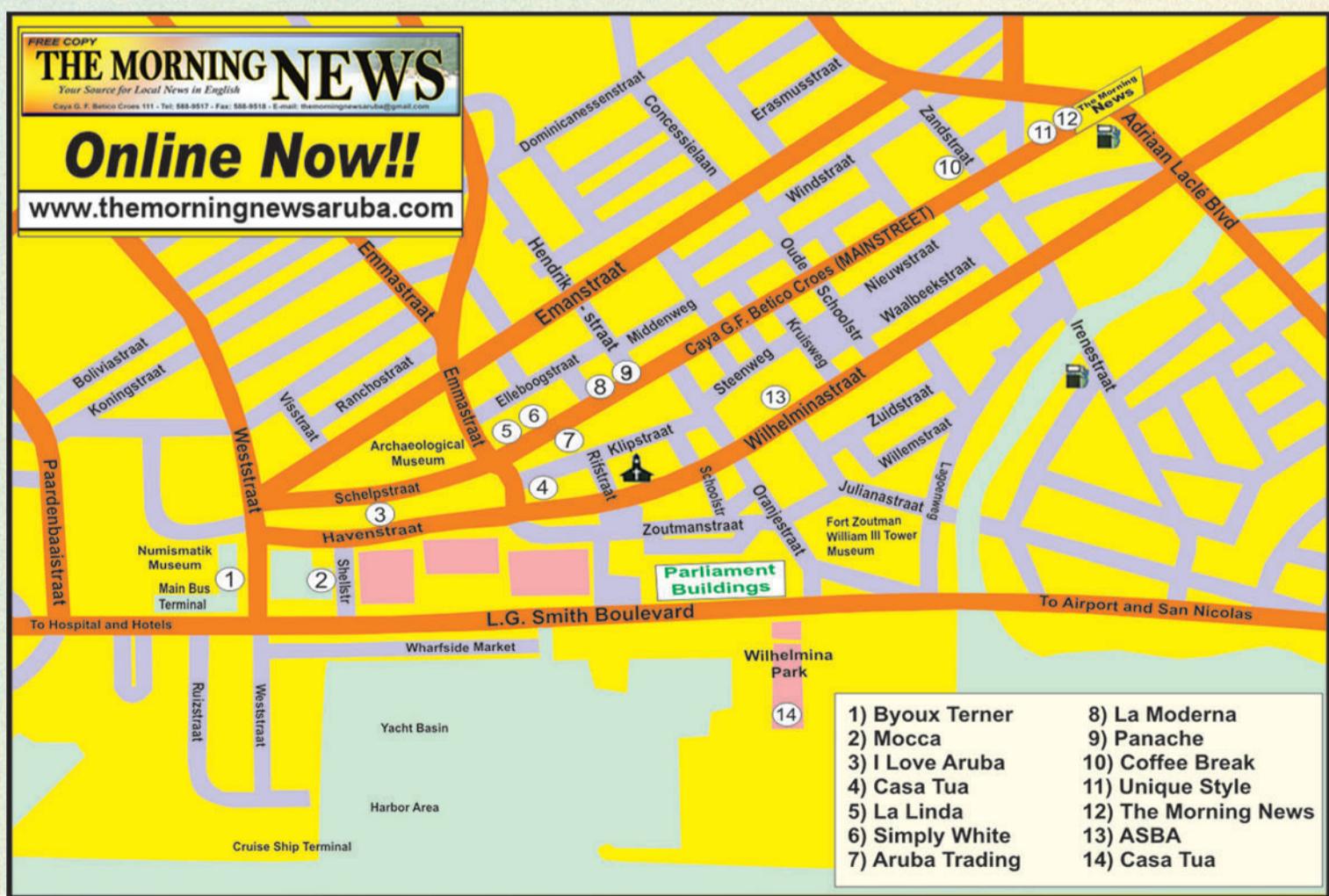
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- Elaborate melody
- Author James
- Summertime smorgasbords
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- A Queen
- Visits
- Absolute
- Cruces
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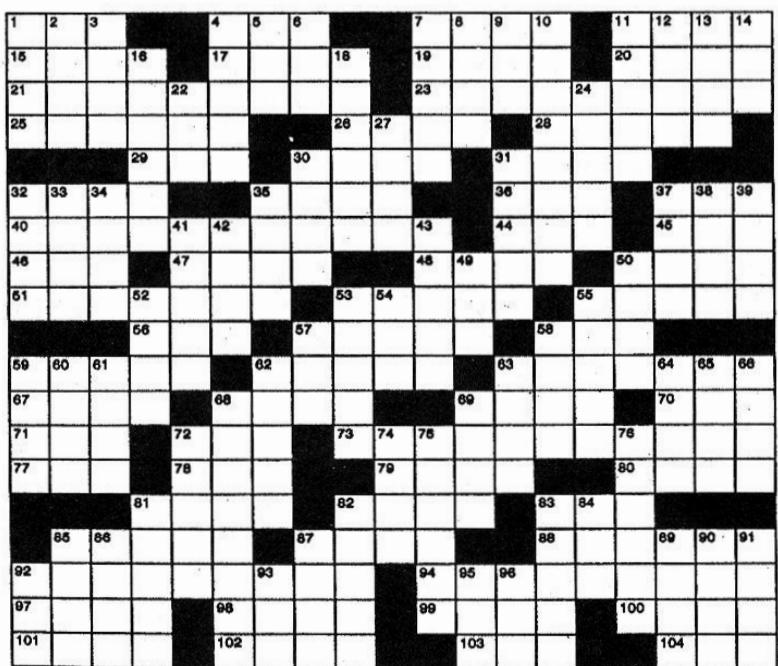
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- Creepers
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- Dunce cap
- Martin and Jones
- Splits
- Echoes
- A Gardner
- James Taylor song
- Architect Saarinen
- Chou En-
- River isle
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- Campfire activity
- Author Rosten
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- Famous cookie maker
- Ditch
- Squealers
- Egyptian cobras

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- Indigenous
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- Open-fire roasting box
- Celtic
- Ms. Macpherson
- Pen name for Lamb
- Off flying
- Judge
- Tunisian rulers
- Printers' measures
- Sun
- Step
- Small stream
- By word of mouth
- Crushes
- Acorn producer
- Before: suff.
- "____ in Arms"
- Epochs
- "Little ____ Echo"
- Arrange systematically
- "The ____ of Life"

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- Guitarist Paul
- Detests
- Abuse verbally
- Bikini part
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- Earthly life
- I smell
- Statesman Lewis
- Bard's black
- "____ and Bullets"
- Jane and John
- Remains valid
- West and Busch
- Small birds
- Swedish monetary unit
- Liturgical system
- Pitchfork part
- Worthless
- Just a sip
- Mist
- Certain South African people
- German mister
- Pine plank
- Indian tribe member
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- Newels
- Ruff's' mates
- Turkish regiment
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KIEV, The Ukraine -- A protester wearing a ribbon reading "Jobless" and scotch-tape on her mouth took part in a rally against a controversial tax reform on Independence Square, in Kiev, yesterday. In recent months, small- and medium-sized business owners have repeatedly criticised the government's plan to unify several laws into a tax code due to enter into force on January 1.

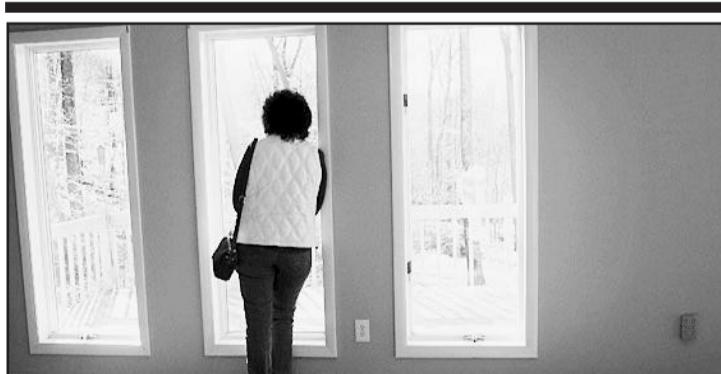
(AFP PHOTO)

BEIJING, China -- Photo shows an elderly woman pushing her cart filled with produce along a street in Beijing. The Chinese capital's population is aging, with the number of elderly residents expected to grow by 1 million in the next five years, according to state media reports, and the number of people requiring housing for the elderly likely to increase by 470,000 by 2015.



China announced a further series of measures to reign in rising commodity prices as it steps up efforts to combat rapidly rising inflation, state media said yesterday, in reaction to rising consumer prices, fuelled by soaring food costs after severe summer flooding and more recent cold snaps hit crop yields.

(AFP PHOTO)



OXFORD, Connecticut - A woman looks out of the window of a foreclosed home in Oxford, Connecticut. The home was one of numerous foreclosed homes on a bus tour organized by realtor Frank Hoinsky. Hoinsky has given over five tours which last for approximately three hours and stop at foreclosed homes in the lower Naugatuck Valley in Connecticut. As the American economy continues to struggle, housing prices are at an all-time low. Currently an estimated 1.65 million homes are in the foreclosure process in America and the Federal Reserve has announced that it expects about 4.25 million more foreclosure filings through 2012. (AFP PHOTO)

Eni starts heavy oil project in Venezuela; ok's building refinery

ROME, Italy -- Italian energy company Eni SpA yesterday said it has signed contracts in Venezuela involving heavy oil and building a refinery, as part of its aims to expand by taking on large hydrocarbon projects.

In a statement, Eni said Chief Executive Paolo Scaroni signed the contracts in Caracas with Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez to set up two companies with a majority in the hands of Petroleos de Venezuela, or PDVSA.

PetroJunin will be dedicated to the development of the Junin 5 Block, while PetroBicentenario will construct and operate a refinery in the existing coastal industrial complex of Jose. PDVSA will own a 60% stake



Venezuela's Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez (R) looks at Italy's Eni SpA CEO Paolo Scaroni during an agreement signing ceremony at the headquarters of the state-run oil company PDVSA in Caracas.

(AFP PHOTO)

in the two companies, and Eni will hold the remainder.

Eni said it will pay a bonus share of \$646 million.

Euro, equities rally fizzes on Irish bailout doubts

LONDON, England (AFP) - A rally on European currency and equities markets fizzled yesterday after optimism over prospects for an Irish rescue gave way to fears the move might fail to ease pressure on other eurozone states.

Analysts said investors also grew nervous during the day in the absence of detail as to the size and structure of the bailout, to be financed by the EU and the IMF, and the steps Ireland will have to take to stabilize its public finances.

Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen said Sunday his government had applied for help from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund to cope with a gaping public deficit and a troubled banking system, which has already received 50 billion euros in government backing.

While the amount of the package has yet to be revealed, European diplomats have said it could come to around 90 billion euros (120 billion dollars).

Political tension in Dublin surged yesterday, with Cowen's coalition administration appearing to be splintering over the deal as the Greens, the junior partners, called for a general election to be held in January.

After moving above 1.37

dollars, the eurozone's common currency, the euro, fell back and was trading late in the day at 1.3614 dollars against 1.3673 on Friday.

It was a similar story on stock markets.

In London the FTSE 100 index lost 0.91 percent to close at 5,680.83 points while in Paris the CAC 40 fell 1.07 percent to 3,818.89. The Frankfurt the DAX shed 0.32 percent to finish at 6,822.05 points.

Elsewhere there were falls of 2.68 percent in Madrid, 1.93 percent in Milan, 0.63 percent in Amsterdam and 0.38 percent on the Swiss Market Index.

On Wall Street equities also turned weaker on concern that other struggling eurozone economies may require aid.

The blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 0.74 percent at mid-day at 11,120.23 while the tech heavy Nasdaq had lost 0.06 percent to reach 2,516.67.

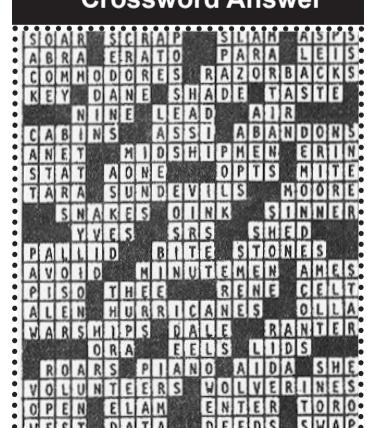
"A full-fledged relief trade hasn't kicked in because there is concern all this deal does is kick the can further down the road, as piecemeal bailouts leave the door open for speculative runs on other countries like Portugal, which many think is the next domino to fall in Europe," said Patrick O'Hare of Briefing.com.

Irish bond yields, a measure of investor sentiment, eased only slightly late yesterday, with the rate on 10-year debt dropping to 7.869 percent from 7.907 percent on Friday. The yield earlier in the day had fallen sharply on initial market enthusiasm for the EU-IMF initiative.

Yields on debt issued by two other troubled eurozone members, Portugal and Greece, meanwhile rose.

Ireland is the second eurozone member to require outside assistance after Greece, likewise saddled with a huge public debt and deficit, was accorded a 110-billion euro credit mechanism by the EU and the IMF in May.

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Versace's return stolen painting to original owners

LONDON, England — A painting stolen from a London home in 1979 and which ended up in the collection of late Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace has been returned to its original owners, Britain's Art Loss Register said yesterday.

The work by 18th Century German artist Johann Zoffany had been billed as the star lot in a Sotheby's auction of the contents of Versace's Lake Como villa last year, but it was withdrawn at the last moment.

A direct descendent of the subject of "Portrait of Major George Maule" contacted the Art Loss Register, which tracks lost and stolen art and antiquities, and the ALR in turn contacted Sotheby's.

"What could have been a protracted legal battle between two very well financed

European families and their copious sets of lawyers has been amicably settled by the Art Loss Register's art mediation team," the ALR said.

Although the terms of the settlement between the two families remained confidential, the ALR's Christopher Marinello said: "There is no doubt that Gianni Versace had no knowledge that this painting was stolen when he purchased it in the 1980s.

"This portrait does ... hold particular sentimental value to the ... heirs and the Versace family were extremely gracious in their willingness to compromise in seeing its return."

The Sotheby's sale in March 2009 raised 7.4 million pounds, nearly three times the pre-sale estimate, despite the withdrawal of the Zoffany painting.



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Pope, SpongeBob face off in cheeky Spanish tradition

BARCELONA, Spain (AFP) — Pope Benedict XVI will be caught with his trousers down, competing with cartoon character SpongeBob and football star Lionel Messi this year in a centuries-old Christmas tradition in Catalonia, according to the makers of the "caganer" figurines.

The ceramic caganer statuettes show affectionate disrespect for famous personalities from home and abroad.

They have been sold in Spain's northeastern Catalonia region around Christmas since the 18th Century, when they were placed in nativity scenes in the hope of bringing good luck and a rich harvest.

But they show the personalities with their bottoms bared in the act of defecating.



Ceramic caganer figurines of Pope Benedict XVI

as last season's top scorer in Europe's domestic leagues, is expected to be big, said Marc Alos, a member of the Alos-Pla family which produces the hand-painted figurines at its factory near Barcelona.

For children, Messi,



As in previous years, the personalities with the highest media profiles are generally the best sellers.

Last year, US President Barack Obama and France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy were among the top stars.

This year, Barcelona's Argentine footballer Messi, who won the Golden Boot award

whose caganer has just been reissued, will be competing with popular television cartoon character SpongeBob SquarePants, a newcomer this year.

"Michael Jackson will be also be highly sought after this year," as will the pope, who visited Spain this month, said Alos.

Other new figurines in

clude the Dalai Lama, Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho and Formula One driver Fernando Alonso in his new Ferrari colours.

Catalonia's elections on November 28 are also likely to boost sales of the top regional politicians, he said.

Alos said the company would be making 15,000 of the figures this year, which are sold for between six and 15 euros (eight and 20 dollars) each.

He emphasized the caganers "are not intended to mock the personalities or the office they represent but rather to pay tribute to them."

The original caganer, which literally translated from Catalan means "the fertilizer," was a man wearing a red and black hat and peasant costume shown performing his biological functions.

It was believed that his fertile deposits in the soil of the nativity scene would bring a rich harvest.

But over time, the peasant has been replaced with well-known society figures and personalities from the region, Spain and around the world, in a reminder that all people are equal when it comes to biological functions.



Superb 35th anniversary Aruba Dolphins age group invitational 2010

MEDAL COUNT

TEAM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Stingray Swimming	80	70	42	192
Aruba Dolphins Swimming	41	45	58	144
Typhoon Swim Club	8	4	10	22
The Sharks Swimming	3	5	7	15
St. Lucia Sharks	3	3	1	7
Piranha Swim Club	2	3	4	9
St. Eustacia Aquatics	1	2	5	8
The Orcas	0	5	5	10
Bonaire Barracudas	0	1	3	4



After the Aruba Dolphins won the Stingray Swimming Challenge 2010 championship, it was the turn of Stingray Swimming team to win the championship team title of the Aruba Dolphins Invitational for the first time.

Even though they still haven't yet won the title for the maximum Aruban Championship, the Stingray Swimming was tough and came with reinforcement to achieve their goal.

The 9th annual Aruba Dolphins Championship, was extremely successful and counted with a huge participation of the local and international athletes.

The public was very enthusiastic and happy with the sporting event, which was very well organized and competitive.

There were 9 clubs, competing. They are as follows:

Aruba 3
Curacao 3
Bonaire 1
St. Eustacia 1
St. Lucia 1

All together totalled 203 athlete's.

The event took place at the Olympic Swimming Pool - Rolly Bisslik. It began on a Friday with a ceremonial

opening that consisted of a athlete's and officials parade, singing of the National anthem and the raising of the flag.

The competition began immediately after that and many were the athlete's that improved their personal times in the different styles and distances and there was a price medal for all of them.

The competition proved to be pretty tough due to the amount of events and inscriptions. We have to say that reinforced Stingray took a leadership from the beginning and hold on to it during the whole sessions of the competition.

Winning athlete's that had accumulated most points in their categories were:

8 & under - Girls : Elisabeth Timmer, ARDO, 57 points.

8 & under - Boys : Alejandro Timp, STING, 55 points.

9-10 - Girls : Keeley Maduro, STING, 75 points.

9-10 - Boys : Daniel Jacobs, STING, 70 points.

11-12 - Girls : Sven-Gin Arends, STING, 112 points.

11-12 - Boys : Tyreke Wernet, ARDOL, 113 points.

13-14 - Girls : Ally

Ponson, STING, 106 points.
13-14 - Boys : Jordy Groters, STING, 110 points.
15 & over - Girls : Saskia Postma, ARDOL, 119 points.
15 & over - Boys : Jemal Le Grand, STING, 115 points.

There were only 2 Aruban records broken during that whole weekend and they were: Jordy Groters of Stingray who matched his time in 50m breast in 32.08 and Anaki Schreuders also of Stingray who set a new record in 50m breast of 39.33.

Final standings per team:

1. Stingray Swimming Aruba 1,838

2. Aruba Dolphins Swimming 1,692

3. Typhoon Swim Club Curacao 410

4. Piranha Swim Club Curacao 242

5. Swimming Team the Orcas Aruba 237

6. The Sharks Swimming Team Curacao 231

7. St. Eustacia Leatherbacks 163

8. Bonaire Barracudas 84

9. St. Lucia Sharks 59

Aruba Dolphins Management would like to Thank all the participants, the organisation committee, the parents committee, officials, sponsors and all those who had made this year event a major success.

AMSTERDAM (AFP) - Ajax have handed a two match ban to captain Luis Suarez after the Uruguay international bit the neck of a PSV player in a league match at the weekend.

Suarez, who will be allowed to play in Ajax's Champions League tie against Real Madrid on Tuesday, attacked PSV's Otman Bakkal on Saturday.

The referee failed to spot the incident but the Dutch federation has launched its own investigation.

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Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABC) game results



RESULTS THURSDAY, NOV. 18

A total of 11 pairs joined the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Annette Ybeles Smit / Joke Henriquez 64.58%

2. Stascha Hornix / Henk Berghuizen 56.77%

3. Ghislaine Mendes / Liesbeth van den Ham 55.73%

4. Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Riomondt 53.13%

5. Annemiek de Cuba / Carola Pinxter 52.50%

RESULTS FRIDAY, NOV. 19

A total of 10 pairs joined the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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Ajax suspend neck-biting Suarez



his goal-line handball clearance in his country's quarter-final against Ghana.

The offence resulted in a penalty in the last minute of extra-time but Asamoah Gyan sent his spotkick crashing off the crossbar to give the Uruguayans a reprieve which they exploited by prevailing 4-2 in the ensuing shoot-out.

Uruguay went on to lose their semi-final against Holland 3-2 to finish in fourth place after Germany beat them 3-2 in the third place play-off.

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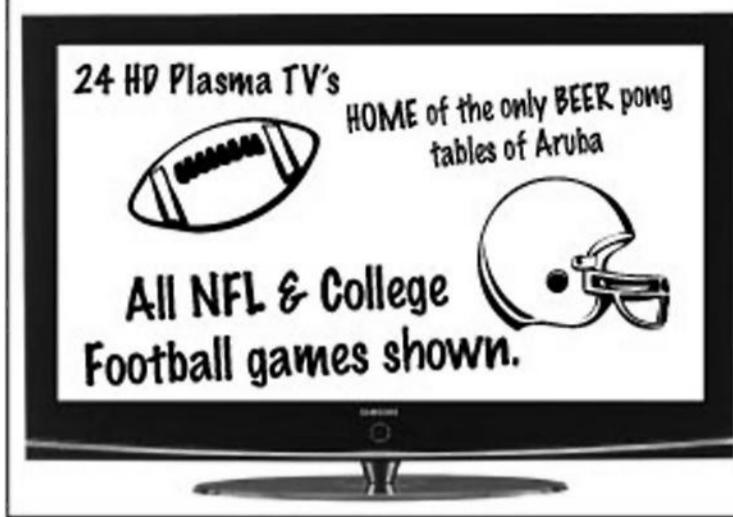
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a "heavy fine", reported Ajax who added that despite the affair Suarez would keep his captain's armband.

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Brady-led Patriots edge Manning's Colts on late pickoff

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Tom Brady outshined Peyton Manning in a showdown of American football star quarterbacks and New England held off Indianapolis 31-28, giving their Patriots their eighth victory in 10 games.

Brady on Sunday won his 25th consecutive home game, completing 19-of-25 passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns as New England kept pace with the New York Jets and Atlanta for the best record in the National Football League at 8-2.

Manning completed 38-of-52 passes for 396 yards and four touchdowns but also threw three interceptions, the last of them by James Stephens in the dying seconds to deny the Colts a chance to level or win the game.

"I'm just sick about it," Manning said. "I didn't get everything on the throw I wanted. A bad throw. I made a poor decision."

"New England was really moving the coverages. They



were mixing it up and moving it around. I had a couple of misreads."

The Colts had beaten the Patriots in five of their past six meetings but trailed 31-14 before Manning threw touchdown passes of 5 and 18 yards to Blair White in the fourth quarter and had Indianapolis on the march again late.

"We're happy we won but it means we have to do a better job," Brady said. "When we have a chance to end the game that's what we have to do. Our defense made a big play."

Mark Sanchez flipped a six-yard touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes with 10 seconds remaining to give the Jets a 30-27 home victory over Houston and their best start since 1986, the year Sanchez was born.

Despite squandering a 16-point lead, the Jets kept pace with AFC East rival New England.

Matt Ryan threw for 253 yards and two touchdowns to spark Atlanta past St. Louis 34-17 as the Falcons won their fourth game in a row to reach 8-2.

Michael Vick completed 24-of-30 passes for 250 yards and ran for a touchdown to lead Philadelphia past the

New York Giants 27-17, putting the Eagles to 7-3 and a game ahead of the Giants in the NFC East.

LeSean McCoy ran 50 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 4:25 to play and Daid Akers kicked four field goals for the Eagles, who forced three pick-offs and a lost fumble from Giants star Eli Manning.

Drew Brees completed 29-of-42 passes for 382 yards and four touchdowns to lead

reigning Super Bowl champion New Orleans past Seattle 34-16, his 1,850th completion putting him past Archie Manning, Peyton and Eli's dad, as the Saints' all-time leader.

Josh Freeman threw for 136 yards and two touchdowns as Tampa Bay downed San Francisco 21-0 to stay level with the Saints at 7-3, one game behind Atlanta in the NFC South.

David Garrard threw two touchdown passes and Maurice Jones-Drew scored the winning touchdown on a one-yard run with 76 seconds remaining in Jacksonville's 24-20 victory over Cleveland, pulling the Jaguars level with the Colts atop the AFC South.

Dwayne Bowe and Thomas Jones each scored two touchdowns to lead Kansas City past Arizona 31-13, improving the Chiefs to 5-0 at home and putting them alone atop the AFC West division after Oakland was routed 35-3 at Pittsburgh.

Ben Roethlisberger threw for three touchdowns and ran 16 yards for another in Pittsburgh's romp. The Steelers rose to 7-3 to stay level atop the AFC North with Baltimore, a 37-13 winner over

Djokovic makes flying start to title challenge

LONDON (AFP) - Serbian third seed Novak Djokovic showed his desire to regain the ATP World Tour Finals crown as he started his campaign with a 6-3, 6-3 win over the Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych on Monday.

Djokovic won this prestigious end-of-year event, featuring the world's top eight players, when it was staged in Shanghai in 2008, but he failed to get past the group stages after the tournament moved to London's O2 Arena last year.

In this mood, the 23-year-old looks capable of taking back the title, won by Nikolay Davydenko last year, and he was far too strong for Wimbledon finalist Berdych in the first of his three Group A matches.

Sixth seed Berdych is the only player among the eight here not to have won an ATP title this season but he had no reason to feel inferior.

The last time he played in London he defeated Roger Federer en route to this year's Wimbledon final. The 25-year-old also demolished Djokovic in the Wimbledon semi-finals before his fairytale run came to an end in the final against Rafael Nadal.

However his form has dipped since then, while Djokovic has thrived following that Wimbledon disappointment, winning 26 of his last 32 matches and reaching

the US Open final.

The key to taming Berdych is to subdue the giant Czech's big-serve and Djokovic struck an early blow to his opponent's morale as he broke in the very first game.

That was quite a statement of intent against such a powerful server and, suitably encouraged, Djokovic kept attacking Berdych with some relish.

Although Djokovic wasn't able to convert two break points in the Czech's next service game, he was clearly the dominant force.

He twice brought watching Argentine football legend Diego Maradona to his feet with superb shots, the first a perfect volley to finish off a long rally followed by a flicked winner on the run that left Berdych wrong-footed.

Berdych was showing signs of crumbling under the strain of such a sustained assault and a pair of errors allowed Djokovic to break again and take the set.

There was no let-up from Djokovic in the second set and he broke for a 2-0 lead when the increasingly flustered Berdych lashed a forehand wildly off-target.

With Djokovic's serve working well, there was no way back for Berdych as the Serb easily closed out the match.

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Vikings fire Childress, name Frazier interim coach

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (AFP) - Brad Childress was fired as coach of the Minnesota Vikings on Monday, a day after the National Football League club fell to 3-7 with a 31-3 home loss to Green Bay.

Defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier was named interim head coach for the remainder of the season after the dumping of Childress, who finished 39-35 in less than five seasons guiding the Vikings.

Minnesota, which lost two of three playoff games under Childress, had not had a worse NFL start after 10 games since going 2-8 in

their first two seasons as an NFL expansion team in 1961 and 1962.

The move comes amid reports of dissension between Childress and 41-year-old quarterback legend Brett Favre, who returned from retirement for a third time for what he calls a final season only to have his playoff dreams all-but crushed.

Favre has completed 197-of-327 passes for 2,274 yards and 10 touchdowns but has thrown 17 interceptions and been sacked 19 times this season. The Vikings have lost four of their past five games.



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Bolt dreams of swapping spikes for football boots

PARIS (AFP) - Jamaican sprint sensation Usain Bolt recently revealed that he would like to try his hand at professional football when he retires from athletics, and dreams of playing for Manchester United.

"I'd like to try to become a professional (footballer) at

the end of my career," said the triple Olympic champion on French television station Canal+.

"I'll stop athletics at the age of 30. If I could have the chance to play for a team, even for one of the smallest teams in the English Premier League or a lower division,

just to see if I can do it.

"I've wanted to play for a long time. I'd like to try and see if I could be good."

Bolt is an avowed United supporter and he went on to admit that it is his dream to line up alongside his heroes at Old Trafford.

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